(c) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken by Government to replace these pipes into GI iron pipes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Restriction on Sugar Sale in the Open Market

2249. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a restriction on 'Sugar Sale' in the open market;

(b) if so, what are the names of the States where there is such restriction; and

(c) what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) In view of continued spurt in sugar prices in recent months, the Central Government have directed the State Governments of major sugar producing States, namely, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Gujarat and Maharashtra, as also the Union Territory Administration of Delhi, on 10.7.1989 not to permit sale of sugar by one wholesaler to another wholesaler in the same city or urban area. Such sale to wholesalers in another city or urban area would, however, continue to be permitted limited to one transaction, if accompanied by physical delivery of stocks. This restriction is intended to check speculative activities of the sugar traders, and bring down the open market prices.

Setting up of More Ago-based Industries in Punjab

2250. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up more agro-based industries in the villages of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated for this purpose; and

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

(d) The Government have not received any specific proposals in this regard.

Indigenous Developed Photosensor for Mental Industries

2251. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Steel Authoriy of India (SAIL) have indigenously developed an infra-red photosensor applicable to metal industries;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of this photosensor and to what extent this will be better than the imported version; and

(c) whether Government propose to save sufficient foreign exchange after the indignously developed photosensor and if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Research and Development Centre of SAIL has developed indigenously infra-red photosensor for sensing presence of hot rolled materials.

(b) Salient features of the photosensor unit are as follows:—

(i) It is non-contact type and may be placed at a distance of one to five metres away from object.